MORATORIUM OF MINING IN ANTARCTICA

223 SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAI Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) the progress made so far on the Indian proposal for a legally binding moratorium on mining in Antarctica,

(b) whether any headway has been made in serving the Antarctica Treaty System by the setting up of the proposed Secretariat—its scope, functions and financing, and

(c) if so, the details and the stage at which the matter stands at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) There has been convergence of consensus on the basic elements of the Indian proposal and the Antarctic Treaty Consultative Parties have now agreed to the proposal for a 50-year prohibition on mining activities in Antarctica with specific provisions for review at the end of that period A definitive text of the Protocol incorporating this agreement is expected to be opened for signature in October 1991

(b)and (c) The question of establishment of a Secretariat for the Antarctic Treaty System is expected to come up for consideration at the XVIth Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting to be held in Bonn in October 1991 The details are yet to be worked out

[*Translation*]

REGISTRATION OF INDUSTRIES IN U P

224 SHRI RAJVEER SINGH Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) the number of proposals from Uttar Pradesh Government regarding registration of new industries pending with the Central Government,

(b) the details of industries registered by Government in Uttar Pradesh from January, 1990 to June, 1991,

(c) whether the Government propose to clear the pending proposals at an early date, and

(d) if so the time by which such clearance is likely to be given ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF P J KURIEN) (a) As on date a total number of 125 applications for registration under the scheme of Delicensing of Industries and 30 applications under the Scheme of Exempted Industries Registration for setting up of new industries in the State of Uttar Pradesh are pending

(b) The break-up of applications registered under the scheme of Delicensing Exempted Industries|DGTD registration during the period January 1990 to June 1991 in the State of Uttar Pradesh is given below

Year	No of Registration		
	Delicensing Industries Registration	Exempted Industries Regn	DGTD Registration
1990	165	218	51
Jan '91 to June 91	81	137	15

Details, such as name of the undertaking, location, item(s) of manufacture and capacity in respect of all Registrations issued are published by the Indian Investment Centre in their 'Monthly Newsletter', copies of this publication are being sent to the Parliament Library regularly.

(c) and (d) Time limits have been specified for clearance of applications for Exempted Industries Registration and Delicensing Registration. All efforts are made to dispose of the applications within the prescribed time limit.

[English]

ITEMS UNDER PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ALLOTTED TO BIHAR

226. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of major items under the Public Distribution System allotted to Bihar during 1990-91;

(b) the quantity of each actually released during 1990-91;

(c) the quantity actually lifted by the State during 1990-91;

(d) whether the unlifted balances, if any, is available for 1991-92; and

(e) the quantity allotted for 1991-92 for Bihar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) and (e) A statement showing the allocation and lifting of rice, wheat, levy sugar and kerosene and imported edible oil in 1990-91 and 1991-92 is attached.

(d) PDS allocations which remain unlifted lapse at the end of the month. Revalidation or extension in period of validity of the unlifted quota, however, is given on requests from State Governments/ UT Administrations on merits. There is, however, no such provision in the case of kerosene.

STATEMENT

Quantity of Rice, Wheat, Levy Sugar, Edible Oil and Kerosene allotted to Bihar under PDS in 1990-91 and 1991-92

Period	Rice		Wheat		Imp Edible Oil	
	Allotted (In thousand tonnes)	Lifted	Allotted (In thousand tonnes)	Lifted	Allotted (In tonnes)	Lifted
April, 90	10.0	3.2	42.0	34.1	600	500
May, 90	10.0	1.8	42.0	23.3	1000	530
June, 90	10.0	3.6	42.0	26.5	1000	Nil
July, 90	10.0	2.0	42.0	26.4	1000	1734
August, 90	10.0	0.5	42.0	37.0	1500	849
September, 90	10.0	1.4	42.0	22.3	1500	1100
October, 90	9.0	1.0	42.0	32.3	2000	644
November, 90	8.0	1.4	42.0	46.8	1000	1000
December, 90	8.0	1.6	42.0	42.1	Nil	400
January, 91	8.0	2.0	42.0	39.0	Nil	596